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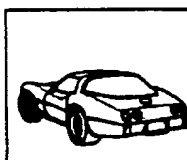
Dr. HERBERT LEPOR (New York University): Its effectiveness does not equal that of surgery. There are still risks. And the long-term response

is still--has still yet to be defined. HAGER: Still, the US Food and Drug Administration put approval of the procedure on a fast track and believes microwaving is a reasonable alternative to surgery or drugs.



Robert Hager, NBC News, Washington, Anchor: And after another long weekend of charge and counter charge on the

escalating prices of gasoline in this country, President Clinton went back on the offensive today. As NBC's Brian Williams tells us tonight, Senator Dole's plan to cut the last gas tax is now getting White House attention. BRAIN WILLIAMS reporting: Knowing full well that the way to a driver's heart is through the pump, Bob Dole on the Senate floor today sounded like a man determined to bring down the Clinton gas tax. Senator BOB DOLE (Republican, Majority Leader): Four point three cents may not seem like a lot per gallon, but it adds up to about .8 billion a year, and it doesn't go into any fund to build highways.



It goes into what we call deficit reduction.

WILLIAMS: To the average driver, doing away with the 4.3 cent per gallon tax on gas would mean saving of about 7 a year.



There are differing opinions on how the government could make up for that lost revenue.



When House Leader Dick Armey suggested on "Meet The Press" that the money could come out of the education funding, that didn't go over very well.

Mr. MICHAEL McCURRY (White House Press Secretary): The president would like both Senator Dole And Speaker Gingrich to make clear right away whether or not that is their intent. WILLIAMS: seeing a loss coming on the gas tax, Democrats are intent on passing an increase in the minimum wage.



They'd like very much to tie it to the cut in the gas tax, offering that as a way everyone could win.



Senator TOM DASCHLE (democrat, Minority Leader): Let's try to marry it with something that really would have resonance a 45 cent

increase in the minimum wage this year and another 45 cent increase next year.

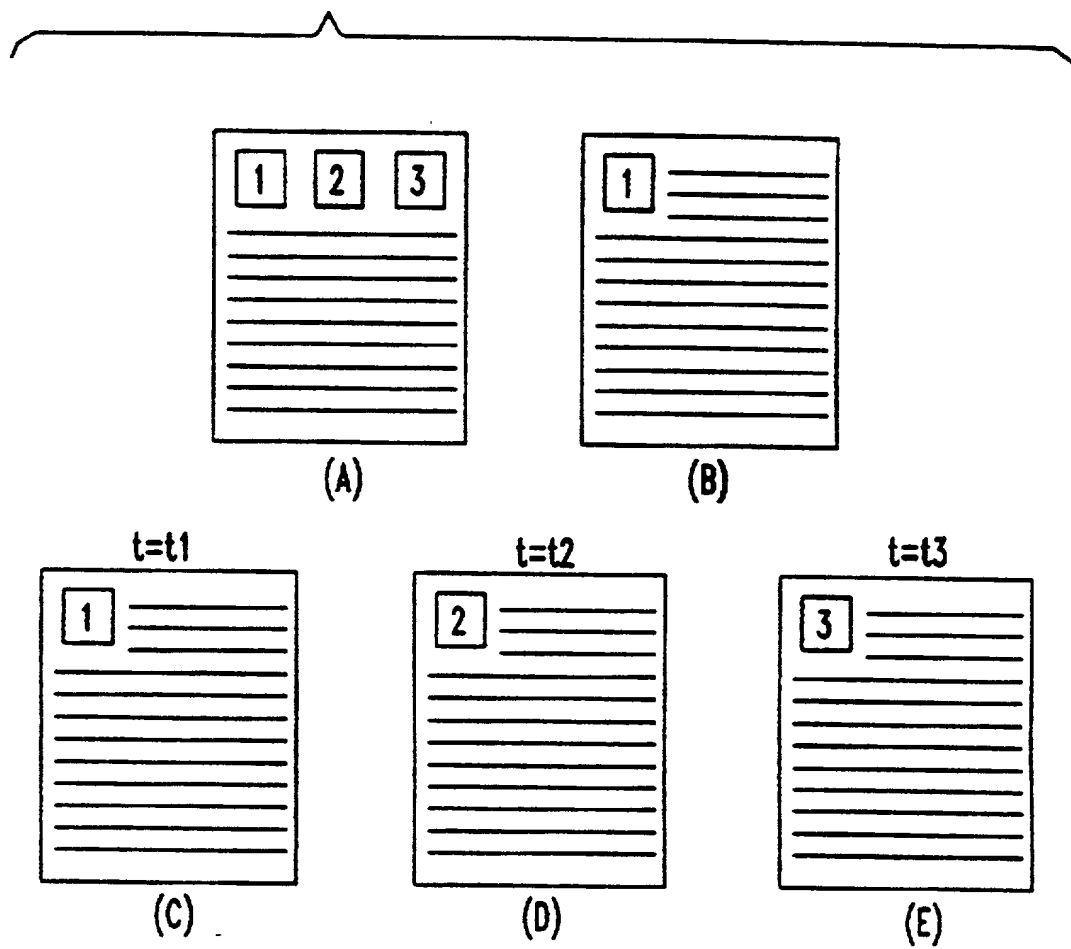


That will really help the American people. WILLIAMS: The Republicans are banking on a very simple question here, and that is, what

right-minded American driver is going to say no to cheaper gas between now and Memorial Day weekend? There's a larger question, of course, and that is, what right-minded American President is going to veto such a thing?



That's what they're grappling with here at the White House, trying to make sure the savings gets passed on at the pump. Tom : BROKAW:

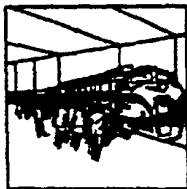
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McCurry said British Prime Minister Major will visit the White House April 3rd and 4th. U.S.-British relation have bee strained over president Clinton's warming of relation the political leader of the Irish Republican Army.



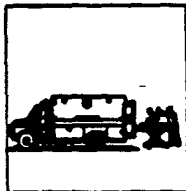
Robin? Authorities in Japan are searching for suspects in the release of poisonous nerve gas on the Tokyo <--> subway this morning.



At least six people were killed, and more than 3,000 were injured.



The deadly gas, sarin, was released at 16 subway stations throughout the city during morning rush hour.



Officials are speculating it could have been a terrorist attack, but no one has claimed responsibility.

FIG. 4

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